

HCS HB 716 -- PRESCRIPTION ABUSE REGISTRY

SPONSOR: Barnes (60)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Standing Committee on Insurance Policy by a vote of 9 to 1.

This bill establishes the "Prescription Abuse Registry" within the Department of Health and Senior Services beginning January 1, 2018.

Any individual 18 and older may request to be listed in the registry. Identifying information on individuals in the registry shall be maintained by the department. Information in the registry shall be confidential and not subject to public disclosure, except for health care providers to access for the sole purpose of determining whether or not an individual is listed. The only information provided will be a response that only confirms or denies the individual's listing in the registry.

Individuals listed in the registry for at least five years may petition to be removed from the registry. An administrative hearing will be set as outlined in the bill.

Any person who unlawfully and knowingly accesses or discloses, or a person authorized to have information in the prescription abuse registry knowingly uses such information in a manner violating the provisions of the bill will be subject to penalties as outlined in the bill.

This bill is the same as HB 1922 (2016).

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that the bill will establish a prescription abuse registry maintained by the Department of Health and Senior Services. Individuals will be able to place themselves on the registry if they feel that they may have an addiction problem.

Testifying for the bill was Representative Barnes.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.